

**SANDPOINT ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017
5:30 PM CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1123 LAKE STREET**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Megan Cherry, Carol Deaner, Matt Kerr, Ffion Soltis, Tammy Farmin, Elle Susnis, Carol Kovalchuk

COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilman Tom Eddy, City Staff liaison Melissa Bethel - Minutes

COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Dyno Wahl, Kris Dills, Ellinor Allen (student liaison)

Chairman Deaner called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

Approval of Minutes:

Soltis stated the previous minutes did not accurately reflect a decision by the Commission to adjust the Silver Box timeline as needed for issues that have arisen.

Commissioner Soltis moved and Commissioner Cherry second to approve the minutes of July 17, 2017 as amended. **Motion passes unanimously.**

New Business:

Creation of Cedar and Second Public Art Committee:

Soltis stated she would still be a part of the Cedar and Second public art Committee. Kovalchuk volunteered and Deaner stated she would try and get two other members of the community to be on the committee.

Protocol for Committees:

Cherry gave an overview of the guidelines and standards for the committees to work productively and within City Code. Cherry stated she would like to work on the Public Art Policy and incorporate the guidelines for Committees into the Policy.

CaFE: The Commission agreed the Project manager and staff would go through the call entries to help eliminate any issues with entries and the jury process. Staff encouraged the Commission to think about not limiting calls to a geographical location. The Commission discussed the potential on future calls. Councilman Eddy stated not limiting the calls to a certain area could help present Sandpoint as more of an art town and give more visibility to Sandpoint. Staff stated the funding is based on economic value to the City and by allowing other artists to work in our City helps the economy when they stay in Sandpoint. Cherry stated with the Schweitzer roundabout call the concern was artists further away would spend a larger portion of the budget on transportation and not the art.

Old Business:Committee updates:

Budget/Long range planning: Deaner, Susnis, Farmin, Kovalchuk

Deaner stated SURA will approve its 2017/18 budget on August 22 and Public Art is slated to be funded at 2.5%. Kovalchuk stated she would update the budget and bring it back to the Commission. Deaner stated next meeting the Commission will need to plan for 2017-18 projects.

Fundraising/grants: Wahl, Soltis, Deaner, Susnis

No report

Projects:

a. Stainless Steel Boxes; Farmin, Dills, Soltis, Allen

Soltis stated she has a meeting with Mountain Metals to discuss the project and timing related to finishing the boxes and installation.

b. Schweitzer Roundabout; Dills, Cherry, Deaner, Susnis

Cherry stated the committee met with City Staff regarding the draft RFP/Call for the Schweitzer Roundabout. She stated some discussion revolved around the possibility of creating signage within the art piece and having some form of gateway identity. In addition, the idea that this is a Sandpoint project should be clear. Cherry stated the committee changed some of the language in the RFP to be clear this is a gateway feature. She stated the committee feels signage could be better implemented someone other than in the roundabout. Cherry explained landscaping was a discussion point with staff in addition to possibly needing to pay for water and electrical boxes. Bethel stated she is still working on getting plans for what is available and if needed, how much it would cost. Councilman Eddy stated the landscape budget should be increased just based on a quick calculation. The Commission agreed to increase the landscape budget from 10,000 to 20,000 bringing the total project budget to \$112,000. Councilman Eddy stated the presentation to City Council should include a detailed budget and other comparable projects and costs. The Commission agreed the RFP/Call would be presented to City Council on the September 20, 2017 meeting.

Matters from Commission or staff:

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. Next meeting on September 18, 2017